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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

At the 3003rd meeting of the Security Council, held on 9 August 1991, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item "Admission of new Members", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the members:

"The resolution which we have just adopted recommending the admission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to membership in the United Nations is a historic event. It marks the final steps in the process leading to the full integration of the Republic of the Marshall Islands into the international community, a process that was given an impetus when the Security Council adopted resolution 683 (1990), by which the Council declared that the trusteeship arrangement for the Marshall Islands had come to an end.

The resolution which the Security Council has adopted reconfirms the full validity of the basic ideal of the universality of the United Nations, which calls upon all States - large and small - to help foster peaceful and orderly international coexistence.

We can see today that as the United Nations gains in universality, the specific responsibilities of States are strengthened, as are their rights to participate in the decision-making process in areas of concern to the international community as a whole involving the maintenance of international peace and security and, above all, the promotion of cooperation among peoples.

The admission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to membership will serve to reaffirm the validity of the principles of the United Nations Charter and to facilitate the achievement of its purposes.

On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I congratulate the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the Council's decision to recommend to the General Assembly that it be admitted as a member of the United Nations."

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